

**ARTS COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING: MINUTES**

**5:30 PM**

**Monday, March 21, 2016**

**City Hall, Wing Rooms 119 & 120**

**Meeting was audio-recorded.**

**(a) Call to Order & Roll Call**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 5:35 PM by Chair P. Allen

**Roll Call:**

Present: Peter Allen (Chair, left after item f.), Nicholas Adams, Lynne Brown, Roma Dawson, Albert Le, Leanne Lindelof, Tina Morrill, Ron Muriera, Freya Seeburger, Ramona Snyder

**Commission Council Liaison: Hon. Magdalena Carrasco, District 5 (not present).**

**Absent: Richard James**

**City Staff attending:** Kerry Adams Hapner (OCA), Karen Park (OCA), Lynn Rogers (OCA), Tina Iv (OCA), Omar Torres (District 5), Patricia Ceja (District 3)

**(b) Announcements**

**(1) From the Public:**

- (a) Tom Ingalz, representing Noon Arts & Lectures Series announced that Noon Arts & Lectures Series will be featuring four different events in the upcoming months.
  - (i) All about that Bass on March 4, 2016.
  - (ii) Ben & Jerry classical guitar duo on March 4, 2016
  - (iii) Son T. Rois discusses and performs Voice of the Whale on April 8, 2016.
  - (iv) Pictures on May 13, 2016.

**(2) From Commission members**

- (a) R. Snyder passed around save the date cards for Ann & Mark's Art Party gala event. She reported on her attendance at the Hammer Theatre relaunch event with Cinequest and the San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles' fundraiser.
- (b) R. Dawson reported on the tour at the Mayfair Community Center. She noted that schools surrounding the area educate the students about the significance of the public art.
- (c) L. Brown reported on her attendance at the *Cellista: The End of Time* performance and the Symphony Silicon Valley performance.
- (d) R. Muriera reported on his attendance at the Hammer Theatre relaunch. He also reported his attendance at MACLA's *57 Chevy show*, by Rick Salinas, and Silicon Valley Comic Con. R. Muriera noted that at least 25,000-30,000 people attended the Comic Con event.
- (e) Chair P. Allen reported on his attendance at the *Cellista: The End of Time* performance and *Valley of the Heart*, by El Teatro Campesino.

(c) **ACTION: Approval of Minutes for meeting of February 22, 2016**

Approved with the correction:

- (1) Item (h): T. Morrill questioned L. Wilcox about whether or not the Mayor will be dipping into the funds again this year for the Rotary Club Fireworks event. L. Wilcox responded that he does not know the answer to the question.

**Mvd/2nd: R. Muriera/ N. Adams; Passed 10 yes; 0 no. (R. James was not present to take a vote.)**

(d) Council Liaison's Report (report given after item f.)

Omar Torres (D-5 staff member) provided a brief report on behalf of Councilmember Carrasco.

T. Morrill echoed N. Adams' request for Councilmember Carrasco to attend the Arts Commission meeting from time to time so she is aware of the issues discussed in the meeting.

(e) Chair's Report

- (1) Chair P. Allen along with the rest of the Commissioners recognized and thanked Jennifer Easton for all of her hard work and dedication in San Jose. He noted that Jennifer Easton is leaving her role as a Public Art Director to manage the BART Public Art Program.
- (2) Arts Commission vacancies and recruitment: Chair P. Allen provided an update.
- (3) Appointment of the 2016 Cornerstone of the Arts Committee: Chair P. Allen provided a brief introduction of the role of being on the Cornerstone of the Arts committee. He requested Commissioners to volunteer themselves to be on the committee. Commissioners L. Lindelof, R. Snyder, and N. Adams volunteered to serve on the committee.
- (4) Chair P. Allen noted that the last seat for the 3-Elections Committee is still open. L. Lindelof volunteered to serve on the last seat.
- (5) Chair P. Allen requested Commissioners to take a vote for another member of the Commission to temporarily Chair the rest of the meeting as he had to leave for a previous commitment. Chair P. Allen asked R. Muriera to serve as a temporary Chair; R. Muriera agreed.

Motion: L. Brown / R. Snyder; passed 9 yes; 0 no; 1 Abstention. (R. James was not present and R. Muriera abstained).

(f) PRESENTATION: Future Arts Now!

Hip hop dance performances were made by the children from Future Arts Now! Program Director Demone Carter provided remarks after the performance.

(g) UPDATE – FY 2016-17 Budget Process and Mayor's Budget Message.

Arts Commission received an update from K. Adams Hapner.

K. Adams Hapner highlighted from the Mayor's March Budget Message that the funding for the 4<sup>th</sup> of the July celebration will be a "one-time funding from the TOT Cultural Facilities Reserve to continue the Independence Day Celebration Grant program."

R. Snyder added that K. Adams Hapner had also highlighted from the Mayor's March Budget Message that "the City Manager is further directed to inform producers of both 4<sup>th</sup> of the July events that they must conform to the Office of Cultural Affairs' grant application process if they expect to receive any future City support."

(h) **ACTION – Approved the new Public Art Advisory Committee member Barbara Horiuchi for a term ending June 30, 2017.**

**Mvd/2nd: R. Muriera/ L. Brown; Passed: 9 yes; 0 no. (R. James and Chair P. Allen were not present to take a vote)**

J. Easton, Sr. Arts Program Manager, presented items from the memo with additional comments from Barbara Horiuchi.

(i) Executive Committee

(1) No report since R. James was absent. K. Adams Hapner noted that the next action item on the agenda was reviewed at the Executive Committee.

**(2) Action Item – Accepted the recommendation to the City Council that the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 Operating Budget for the Cultural Funding Portfolio reflect the following recommended percentage levels, subject to available funding: 78.25% for the Operating Grants (OpG), 8.25% for take pART Grants, and 13.50% for Festival, Parade and Celebration Grants (FPC), and that Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) staff and grant review panels follow the recommended percentages in developing grant award recommendations to City Council.**

**Mvd/2nd: N. Adams/ R. Dawson; Passed: 9 yes; 0 no. (R. James and Chair P. Allen were not present to take a vote)**

K. Park, Sr. Arts Program Manager presented items from the memo.

(m) Public Art Committee.

(1) Committee Chair T. Morrill provided a report on most recent meeting.

(2) Chair provided the following announcements:

(a) T. Morrill is thrilled to have Barbara Horiuchi to be on the Public Art Committee.

(b) Nicholas Adams has resigned from the Public Art Committee.

(n) Standing Reports

(1) Office of Cultural Affairs

(a) Monthly report - K. Adams Hapner presented the OCA monthly report.

(b) Additional announcements:

(i) The former director from Silicon Valley Ballet has decided to create a new ballet school called New Ballet School. The New Ballet School will reuse Silicon Valley Ballet's space and it will include the former staff and students.

(ii) The Actors Fund held a meeting with former Silicon Valley Ballet Staff members to offer support services while in transition. The Actors Fund is a nonprofit organization that serves creative professionals in film, theater, television, etc. It provides affordable services and programs such as health insurance, financial resources, housing resources, and more.

(iii) With the closure of the Silicon Valley Ballet, Opera San Jose, Symphony Silicon Valley, and City Lights will be honoring the tickets from the ballet.

(2) Arts Commission Liaisons (2 minutes per report unless otherwise indicated)

(a) City Hall Exhibits Committee – No report since R. James was absent.

(i) J. Easton announced a photography contest called "This is San Jose." It is a project that will ask photographers to enter photos with the theme "This is San Jose." The contest is open to students, amateurs and professionals - whether living in San Jose or not.

(ii) An exhibition entitled "Hidden Heritages, San Jose Pioneer French Families" will be a combination of photos, paintings, and written word that will highlight 7 to 9 French families that made a real difference in San Jose. The exhibit is scheduled to run from May through December.

(b) Silicon Valley Arts Coalition – A. Le has no report.

(c) Silicon Valley Creates – No report, R. James was absent.

(d) South First Area Committee (SOFAC) – L. Lindelof had no report.

- (e) San Jose Downtown Association – R. Snyder reported on the meeting with Blage Zelalich, Deputy Director of San Jose Downtown Association (SJDA). She noted that SJDA is currently accepting applications for Downton Doors project. R. Snyder also reported on the Downtown Street Life Plans for San Pedro Square. The San Pedro Square project will replace some of the parking spots with retail shops. She also reported that the SAP center and the Sharks foundation are helping to fund an exercise loop along the Almaden Boulevard.
- (f) Team San Jose – R. Dawson had no report.

(o) Public Forum

- (i) Andrew Bales provided a brief history on TOT and arts funding.

(p) Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM by acting Chair R. Muriera.

Minutes recorded by T. Iv (OCA) and approved as of April 18, 2016.